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Acting Manager, THE STRAFTS INSURANCE CO., LD. Hongkong, 18th May, 1797.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - will be held in the CLUB GYMNASIUM, on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at 5.15 P.M. Business :- (1) Adoption of Reports and Passing of Accounts; (z) Alteration of Club Rule No. 12,

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WH. MACBEAN. Local Manager. Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY

I HAVE This Day ASSUMED CHARGE of the Company's Business in Hongkong. By Order of the Board of Disectors,

W. H. T. DAVIS, Hongkong, 17th May, 1897.

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Hongkong, 22nd Way, 1897.

-ZETLAND

No. 525, E.C.

REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 1st June, at 8.30 for 0 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897.

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" HECTOR, Captain Barr, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at Daylight. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1807.

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"KINTUCK! C. de La Perrelle, Commander, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon,

For Freight, &c., apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hougkong, 22nd May, 1807.

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship DURUTHEA RICKMERS," Captain Muller, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 10th June.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, 22nd May, 1806.

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PAPER. No. 1-APRIL, 1897. Being reports of meetings of Companies and

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Hongkong, 13th April 1807. BIRTHS. On 20th April, at Charlinch, Rectory-place, Woolwich, wife of CHARLES T. W. HIRSCH. M.R.C.S. (Eng.) District Medical Officer, Colonial Medical Service, Fiji, of a diughter.

April 19th, at 9, St. George's place, S:W., wife of Frederick David Sassoon, of a daughter. On the 12th instant, at " Bon Accord," Penang, the wife of REGINALD A. LAW, of a son, MARRIAGES.

April 20th, at St. Gile's Cathedral, Edinburgh, WILLIAM KIRK DICKSON, Advecate, Edinburg, elder spn of the late William Dickson, of Mauricawood, Midiothiau, to KATHLEEN, eld r daughter of Major-General Sir Robert Murdoch Smith, K.C.M.G., late Royal Engineers,

April 20th, at St. Luke's Kensington, JOHN LEIGH SMEATHMA HATTON, M.A., eldest son of the late Rev. John Smeathman Hatton, rector of Wragby, Lincolnshire, to PAULINE CARLYLE, only daughter of R. J. Henderson, of Caylon,

On Easier Sunday, at Sydney, N. S. W., after a long and painful filness; MABEL, youngest 1[761 | sister of J. S. Northcote, Hongkong; aged 24

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1807.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The following cutting, taken from the London & China : Express of the 23rd ult., will doubtless come as a surprise to our readers, as it did to us:-

The Manufacturer (Philadelphia) ! states hat attention has been called to the great success attending the Technical Museum in Hongkong, which, about a year ago, was established by Techingtschaufu missionaries, Beginning in a small way it has been gradually extended and has become very popular with the Chinese, 82,000 of whom visited it during the last-year. The Chicese cannot be convinced or enlightened by circulars or pictures, and hold fast to the belief that the Celestials are vastly superior to the Western barbarians. But when they see, as in this Hongkong Museum, the wonderful achievements of electrical machines, little models railroads in full operation, and other technical appliances, then they become interested, susceptible to conviction, and willing to have the houses.

We should much like to know who the "Tschingtschaufu missionaries" are and where their "Technical Museum" situated. There is no mention of such an institution in any of the Directories and it seems strange that no one should be able to answer our enquiries as to the locality of this exhibition, although, as stated above, no less than 82,000 Chinese visited it last year! We fear that the informant of the Manufacturer must reports 70 per cent. of cures with his serum and be some clairvoyant of exceptional power, says he will probably return to China at an early who, on reading a comparatively recent issue of this journal in which such a museum was suggested, immediately saw the whole scheme carried out and completed even to the counting of the number I reconstruct the Puplom Cimpany, es

Had the Manufacturer called attention to the manner in which Hongkong is exhibiting to the Chinese the futility and uselessness of Western methods by the gross ignorance, incapability and wastefulness displayed by the Sanltary Authorities and by the Engineer in charge of the Praya Reclamation works we should not have been surprised in the least, and it really appears as though some cynical wag had contributed the paragraph in question to our American contemporary in order tohave a 'dig' at the Colony. At all events

we can offer no better explanation of the

"startler" than this.

Of the utility of a Technical Museum in Hongkong there can be no doubt, and were such an institution established we believe that good might result therefrom were the better class of Chinese induced take an interest in the models and other objects exhibited. Such a museum, however, would, we fear, be too much to hope for in the present state of public opinion in the Colony as exhibited by the utter lack of interest shown in the Museum in the City Hall. When the public will allow a collection to remain badly labeled, badly displayed and badly cared be little hope their troubling themselves about the before you run," says the old proverb, and, so far, the interest in things scientific in Hongkong, except where they lend themselves to some popular amusement may be said to have barely reached even the crawling stage.

In all pertaining to sport and amusement Hongkong can hold her own with other British possessions, but in the matter of literary and scientific societies and means of self improvement generally she is far behind the times. In al the Australian Colonies not only are useful and well managed museums to be found but debating, literary and scientific societies exist, and those who wish for some further insight into scientific and philosophical subjects have the opportunity of attending lectures delivered by I were very successful. first-class scholars. Nothing of the kind exists in Hongkong. True, the Odd Volumes Society is supposed to be a semiscientific institution, but it drags along slowly and the lectures given under its auspices, seldom draw an attendance of over fifty. Money and sport appear to be the sole aim of the great majority of Hongkongites, and while such is the case we can never hope museums or flourishing training institutions, either technical or otherwise.

#### REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS. LONDON, May toth.

The Porte is willing to negotiate regarding its demands for the cession of Thessaly and the war indomnity, but insists absolutely on the abolition of all terms of capitulations from the

THE FIGHTING AT DOMOKOS. The Greeks defended Domokos with splendid valour and the Turkish front attack was repulsed with great slaughter. After many hours' fighting, the Greeks, upon being outflanked, retreated at

PEACE PROSPECTS.

It is believed in Constantinople that a definitive treaty will be made, and that the place submitted for a conference will be Paris.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"." MONDAY, the 24th May, being a public holiday, all the Banks, Insurance and Government Offices will be closed and there will be no regular issue of the Hovekong Telegraph, but an Exira" will be published on Monday morning contsining the latest telegraphic intelligence and shipping seturns.

THE & is down to is. 111d.

THE buying rate for sovereigns is \$9.96 per £. THERE is quite a "boom" in Olivers mine shares.

GREEN Islands have been done at \$42 for 31st

EUROPE'S Rester Egg was a decirration of wav

THE Portuguese gunboat Bengo arrived this morning from Macao. RAJAH Brooks arrived at Singapore on the 15th

instant in the yacht Zakora. EDIMEUROR is to be provided with new multary headquarter offices at a cost of £15,000.

MAJOR-GENERAL F. T. Hobson succeeds Major-

Any complaints should be addressed to the thing introduced in their country or their THE annual general moeting of the V.R.C. will be held in the Club's symnasium at 5.15 p.m. on the 28th instant.

> ARCHDEACON WOLVE WILl deliver an address on Mission work in Foochow" at St. Stephen's Church to-morrow at 11 a.m.

HUDSON'S SURPRISE Party left yesterday by the Om! Maru for Australia, after doing record business in Hongkong and Shanghal, DR. YERSIN, writing from Bombay on 4th Apri,

MR. RRICH-GRONG reports that " it is generally understood that it will not be nece fresh callel."

COLONEL C. M. STOCKLEY, C.B., in command of a Regimental District, and formerly of the Bengal Infantry, has permission to retire on an Indiaa Pension.

THE "toller-ship" Ernest Basin went-down to Havre on the 11th inst., and entered the Euro basin. Everything (says . Fairplay)" is said to have worked satisfactorily.

COLONEL A. CHAPLIN, Madras General List of Infantry, Deputy Judge Advocate General Madras, received permission to retire from the Service on the 20th May.

MR. BIBBY, in his latest Ranb mining report, says that the yield per ton from the last crushing must not be considered exceptional. A great quantity of ore that he has in reserve is of a similar quality.

THE Hongkong Volunteer Corps give a concert at their headquarters on the 5th prox. The shooting prizes will be presented at the same time and the West Yorks band will play "The Beltish Army Quadrilles." Fairplay hears that the Austrian-Lloyd Co. will

only pay a dividend of to floring for the past working year, against ar floring for 1895. The falling off is attributed to the plague in India and events in Eastern Europe. formation of a far superior and more An elderly Chinaman was to-day fined \$5 for

> he was a stranger here. THE Fairfield Shipbuilding Company launched on 18th April the torpedo-boat destroyer Ospray which they have built for the British Govern ment. The Osprey is the second of three similar vessels building at Fairfield. They are

> " MADAME SANS-GENE" Mr. Comyns Carr adaptation of Sardon and Moreau's celebrated play, was produced at the Lyceum Theatre on roth April and received with enthusiasm by a jarge and distinguished audience. Miss Terry in the title-tôle and Sir Henry Itving as Napoleon

expected to attain a speed of 30 knots per

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers at 8 o'clock : --

Grand March ...... Verdi, Verdi, 

In connection with the Queen's Birthday parade, it is understood that it will be more in the nature of a preliminary to the Dismond Jubilee review and the early hour for holding it was chosen because the Jubilee celebration follows it so closely. The Reyal salute will be fired by the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

SENOR BARDOSA, the newly appointed Chief Secretary to the Government of Macao, arrived here teen Zurope by the Cululminism lest night and proceeded to the Holy City by the Houngshan to-day. No doubt a hearty welcome will be accorded the courteous and able Secretary by his many friends and admirers in Macao.

MR. WILLIAM Ogilvie, a Dominion Government surveyor, who spent the winter at Fort Cudahy, the most northerly British post in Canada, has reported to his Government most wandering discoveries of new and rich gold mines in the district. The report of the officer in question has caused a " rush " of miners to the goldfields.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Times writes that a captive balloon is being employed at Toulon for a singular purpose. Divers having failed discover the torpedo which caused the recenaccident to the Faurdgulberry, the bed of the sea is being lighted up from a balloon attached to a tug, in the hope that the torpedo will

Wz are glad to hear from Shanghai that Mr. Midwood, who met with such a serious accident while riding in the Shaughai spring race-meeting, is now much better and it is thought that a trip to the auld countrie will quite set him up again, rendering him fit to steer to victory any aspirant for Championship honours at the autumn meeting.

ALTHOUGH the stately form of the popular French mail liner Caledonies this morning met the eye of our look-out man as daylight gradually superseded the darkness of the night, yet it was 8.50 a.m. before the delivery of the European mail commenced at the Post Office. It is only fair to the Acting Postmaster General to that he managed to have the delivery in full swing before |the hour stated on the board, which is an improvement on what we are accustomed to.

A CIRCULAR has come to hand containing Australian press notices of Miss Florence Seymour, the "leading lady" of the Brough Comedy Company, which is about to visit Hongkong. The critics units in speaking in the highest praise of Miss Seymour's acting, particularly in such pieces as "A Woman of no Importance," "Jim, the Penman," "A Woman's Reason "A Galety Girl " and " A White Elephant." few years ago Miss Seymour toured China, Japan and India with a strong opera company, but subsequently she forsook the lyric stage and has achieved great success in the drama.

Ir is not often that an ordinary British Magis- Gera was augmented at Melbourne by the trate has to deal out justice to a full-blown Chinese Mandarin but it was a distinction that fell to the lot of Mr. Wodehouse to-day. Sald mandarin was a passenger per steamer Fushus scaport town of Athens, Most of the men from from Shanghal, en route for Canton to take up | Sydney have passed through the ranks in the a Magistracy. He had an escort of 40 soldlers | Greek Army. One man was a sergeant for four with him but that did not prevent the usual | years. As an indication of the manner in which search for opium being made. In between the i the movement has been taken up by residents, blankets of his mandarinship's bunk was found I it may be mentioned that a widow, with an a lump of baked mud in the shape of an egg. only son insisted upon sending him off to the On being opened a horn containing a tacle of war, despite the fact that he was her main opium was found and amongst his baggage support. She was considerably "cut up " when another & tasks came to light. The crafty it came to bidding a long farewell, but would not owner had to contribute \$100 to the revenue of hear of his remaining in Sydney while Greece annum and a share in the profits. Registered

"To avoid disappointment and to insure early publication, we beg to remind our friends that all matter intended for immediate inscriton in the Telegraph should reach this office before 3 p.m. Lately we have had to hold over a good deal of matter that would have been published promptly had it been received before the whole of our news space was filled.

THE French flagship Bayard presented quite a picturesque appearance this morning, her big topsails and topgallants hanging loose in the buntlines to dry. She also had her two spankers and jib set, and, were it not for her ram bow, one could have imagined her to be a ship of the period when oak and hemp had not been displaced by the fron and steam of the modern

THE Hon. John Hay, the new United States Ambassador to Great Britain, reached England on 21st April. On arrival at Southampton his Excellency was welcomed by the Mayor, and presented with a photograph of the picture of the departure of the Mayflower for America nearly 300 years ago. In a brief reply, the Ambassador 'said he had come to work for the welfare of his country, and it was his profound conviction that that could best be served by promoting a cordial and friendly understanding between England and America.

useful institution. "You must walk having in his possession a murderous looking THE result of Inspector Kemp's investigations ing firm of Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons has sword bayonet. The weapon was found in his | regarding the fire yesterday morning at 231. bunk in a common lodging house on Prays Queen's Road Central, go to show that West. The man pleaded ignorance, saying that the circumstances are suspicious. The Inspector found that a partition in the bedroom had been bored in several places and kerosine-soaked pieces of paper stuffed into the holes. The partition had also been smothered with kerosine about four feet above the ground. In addition the floor was covered The illustration; are quite up to date and some with kerosine and a tin containing kerosine was found at the head of the stairs. The stock which was insured in the South British Insurance Company for \$4,300 is alleged to be worth only about \$1000. The two occupants of the shop are detained at the Central Station.

> THE New South Wales Mounted Riflemen, who landed in London from the steamer Gulf of reception. They are attached for the present to the and Dragrons (Royal Scots Greys), stationed at Hounslow. At the dacks they were met by Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow, commencing | Lieutenant-Colonel E. W. D. Ward, C.E., of Lord Methuen's staff, and by Lieutenant-Colonel Baillie-Hamilton, of the Coldstream Goards. The detachment was conveyed by train to Hounslow, and from the local station to the barracks the streets were thronged with people, who displayed the greatest enthusiasm. The bands of the Scots Greys and the depôt played. both at the railway station and on the march to the barracks. At the barracks the whole regiment of Scots Greys turned out and heartfly cheered the New South Wales detachment. The men of the regiment also insisted upon grooming the houses of the visitors. The London newspapers commend the physique and soldierly bearing of the men.

> > effectually disposed of its native enemies in Nure and Horiz, the future of Nigeria is likely to occupy attention for some lime to come. There is indeed talk of a German-French-English Commission to go into the question of boundaries. A French expedition remains possession of Bousse, to which it is reasonably certain the Company has an indisputable claim. and France will give it up reluctantly, however conclusively it may be proved that it belongs to Britain. It is said that the French Government will insist on evidence that Boussa bas been brought under the regular Colonial sutbodity of Great Britain, before she fagrees surrender it. Her action is dictated by a policy which is well defined. She is anxious to lose no opportunity of preventing the expansion not only of Beltish but of German authority in North-West Africa. With this object she is taking possession as rapidly as possible of the hinterland-of slices of territory, which she cannot for long years to come hope even to occupy. Whilst, of course, the Royal Niger Company would prefer that obstacles expansion should not be placed in its path, it will assuredly insist on keeping what belongs to it. The Times does not hesitate to declare that its work in Africa recently has been worthy of comparison with British expansion in Indis, and a corporation which has rendered such service must be protected from aggression.

great display of patriotism in connection with the trouble between their country and Turkey. According to the 'Daily Telegraph seven Greeks left for home by the G. M. S. Gera on the 26th ult, to render what little assistance lies in their power to their sorely distressed country, and whether they get to their destination in time to take up arms against the " unspeakable Turk or not, their patriotism deserves warm commendation. The whole of the Greek residents in Sydney have combined to send help to their fatherland in its dire extremity. Those who are not in a position to give up home and prospects. and throw themselves into the fray are sending monetary assistance to their country, and helping to fit out for service those who can manage reservoirs, embankments, irrigation and reclato get away. Mr. Nianinchi, the Greek Consulhad arranged for a number of men to leave Sydney shortly and the party which left by the addition of 20 or 20 more. They will probably travel by this boat as far as Port Said or Alexandele, and then tranship for Pirreus, the stood in such sure need

THE Greek residents of Sydney are making a

A NEW lead for deep-sea sounding carries & cartildge which explodes on touching the bottom. A submerged microphone receives the sound, and the depth is estimated from the time occupled by the lead in slaking.

THE 18 coolies charged with having taken past in the recent free fight at Kowloop, were brought up on remand at the Magistracy to-day. Mr. J. Hastings prosecuted, and Mr. Looker appeared for the defence. After evidence was taken the first three defendants were fined \$50, \$15 and \$15 respectively. The others were all bound over in sums of \$15 to be of good behaviour for six months. The sureties not being forthcoming all were committed to gaol

"DAYBREAK" wittes in Sport and Gossip: -Twenty-two years in China was the sum total of Mr. Shewan's residence in the Far East, and in him the Coptic yesterday took from Shanghal " one whose friends can only be counted in hundreds. In his departure, which we all hope will not be for long, a space is left vacant that cannot be filled, for wherever "Billy ": was-; he was called "Billy" because his name is Arthur-there was always laughter. No matter where, whether at the Club, on the cricket field, at the rails, or 'up-country, his ready wit made many and many an hour that would otherwise have been dull pass merrily.

THE latest production of the well-known publishjust reached us in the shape of the first number of Pilman's French Weekly, an Illustrated serio-comic journal for English readers. The motif of the journal is to help English students to a knowledge of French, and braides some excellent lessons and exercises it contains many amusing little stories and lokes in French with propunciations and translations into English. a good deal above the average. What with grammar, exercises, and conversations the little journal should prove a very valuable medium to those who wish to be able to " savee " French. It should also be mentioned that the publication under notice contains examination papers for the French Society of Arts and competitions for money prizes are also appounced. We wish Martabas on the 23rd ult., met with a great | the new comer all the success it richly deserves.

WE received this afternoon from Mr. W. Danby a circular giving full particulars of the Musical functions in connection with the Diamond Jubilee. Plessure on our space precludes the publication of the circular in its entirely but we may state that the practices of the choir will be held as follow, at 5.30 p.m :- Mr. C. Schwencke -at the German Club, on Mondays ; May 31st and June 7th. Signor Cattaneo-at the Lusiiano Club, on Tuesdays, June 1st and June 8th. Mr. A. G. Ward-at the City Hall, on Wednesdays, June and sad June 9th. Mr. G. Grimble -at the Union Church, on Thursdays, June 3rd and June 10th. Combined practices of all the voices will be held in the Theatre, Royal at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 11th ; Thursday June 17th and Saturday, June 19th; and also a full rehearsal with the Bands, &c., in the Race Stand, on Monday, the 21st June, at 5.30 p.m. ALTHOUGH the Royal Niger Company has (charp), under Mr. Bently, A.R.C.M.

IT is said to be extremely unlikely that the Sikkim-Tibet boundary question will be reopened this summer, as the Chinese authorities show no desire whatever to proceed with the work of demarcation. As the Tibetans are not: giving trouble, action on the part of the Government of India does not seem to be required .- Bombay Gazette.

Wire the worthy object of abating the pest of rats which was destroying the West Indian sugar canes some five and twenty years ago the mongoose was introduced from India. The plan succeeded and for a while all went well, but after the rats had gone the mongoose atvacked the poultry, pigs, kids, camels and even calves. In fact nothing was safe from their depredictions, Fish even disappeared while snakes and lizards became extinct. Finally the mongoose began to develop a tasts for vegetable matter. With the diminution in the number of snakes, the insects began to [ucrease until at last the battle for life was confined to the tick and the mongoose. Fortunately the tick secured the victory and in the end nature re-asserted liself. Such s a fair example, says a home paper, of an attempt to interfere with the process of natural

"WHIST" in the Paris Pigaro writes :- "It

would be folly on the part of the Powers to want to help Greece at the present moment. We are forced once more to recognise a truth which it was sthought shad been buried for ever, and it is that Germany still remains as she was twentyfive years ago, the mistress of Europe. Two-Powers alone know where they are going, Germany, who created and pushed forward the Turkish army: and Great Britain, who takes advantage of the trouble in the East to establish a herself definitely in Egypt." The writer goe on to hope that the other Powers may, althoug h in different degrees, have better luck than the ey have had hitherto, and concludes as follow : "Statesmen are far from finding themselves or a bed of roses even when they imperturbs ably flatter themselves that they will be able to confine hostilities to a duel between two Gor ternments of unequal strength. In any case, it is a bad prelude for the ultimate discussion, of the reforms to be imposed on Turkey." THE Siam Company (Limited) has been regis-

tered with a capital of £500,000, in £1 thares. The objects are to construct, carry out, equip, improve, work, develop, administer, manage, or conitol railways, transways, docks, harbours, plett, whiteen and other public works of conveniences in Siam or elsewhere; also canals gas, electric light, telegraph and power supply works ; to build, carry on, and maintain hotels, warehouses, markets, and other public buildings and further, to purchase, take on lease, underleast, grant, or license, or otherwise acquire under contract, concessions, or other assurances, lands, amines, mineral properties, water rights, mill sites and rights, priviloges and interests, including options in lands, mines, and mineral properties whatsoever, in California and elsewhere, and to do all necessary and expedient acts and things to acquire a legal title thereto; to carry on and conduct the business of raising, werking, mining, and selling gold and other ores, precious stones, metals and minerals, and to acquire and to turn to account any patents, patent rights, and inventions, &c. The number of directors is to be not more than ten or less than three; the subscribers are to appoint the first. Qualification, £100, Remuneration, £200 each per-

THERE has lately been unearthed from one of the lumber-rooms of Windsor Castle a beautiful specimen of a sedan chair of Queen Henrietta Maria's, which, it is thought, might fitly serve for the use of the Queen on the historic occasion of the ceremony at St. Paul's. A suggestion is being made, by the way, that a sedan chair would be a suitable present for the Pope to make to the Queen in connection with Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

On inquiry at the Admiralty regarding the reasons for the presence of a British Squadron of eight warships in Delagoa Bay, Reuter's representative was informed that Rear-Admiral Rawson's ships were " merely carrying out the ordinary duties of the station." With respect to the future movements of the squadron, it was declaied that, lessmuch as these were left to the discretion of the Admiral, it was impossible to say what the next destination of the war vessels might be...

THE Chiuese Minister in Berlin on the 22nd April telegraphed instructions for the removal, at the expense of his Government, of the remains of the Tattar General Theodor Schoell from Wuchang, where he died in January, to Tientsin, to be buried there heside his first wife, as he had expressed a wish to that effect. Theodore Schne'l was an ex-German officer, who served China well during twenty-eight years, and particularly distinguished himself in the defence of Wel-hai-Wel. An eminent English navel authority said that if Schnell's advice had been taken by the Chinese, the Japanese would not have exptured that place.

A KRUCKR SERENADE. [THE High Court at Pretoria has found that the suppression of the Johannesburg Star was illegal. . . . The paper is now reappearing ]

Twinkle, twinkle, little Star. Though "suppressed," still here you are, Licensed by the Court so High Gagging orders to dety.

Now my power to squelch is gone, Now I'm fairly sat upon; You, alas I can still throw light On the wrongs I don't set right.

Then if Britons in the dark Watch your inconvenient spark, You my game may help to mar-So confound you, little Star / -The World.

H.M.S. Torch, the latest addition to the Australian squadron, arrived at Sydney on the 24th ult. On the Tursday night preceding Good Friday, whilst the ship was in the vicinity of the Barrier Reef, it began to blow a stiffgale, and at 2'30 s.m. on Good Friday all hands were called ondeck, as the vessel was drifting close to the reef. Fortunately, however, the danger was avoided. On the 18th ult. the Torch was signalled by a ship in light trim, which asked for medical assistance, off Palm Island, and Surgeon Upham was dispatched to render aid. - On the following day a shipwright, Robert Thompson, was washed overboard by a heavy sea, and though the lifeboat was lowered and every endeavour made to to save him, it was without avail as he was not afterwards seen. The following are the officers on H.M.S. Torch .- Commander, Henry Preedy ; first lieutenent, J. R. Le Hent Ward; lieutenant, Williams; navigating lleutenant, Henry E. Heathcote; gunner, Johnson ; surgeon, Charles Upham ; staff paymaster, H. Dymott ; cogincer, Alfred E. Show, assistant paymaster, A. Meston.

THE fourth annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Bank of India Ld was held at Winchester House, E.C., on the 21st April. Sir Alexander Wilson presiding. The general Balance Shoot and statement of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1896, showed net profits for that period, after providing for bad and doubtful debts and including £8 047 3s. zzd. brought forward from last account, amount to £41,188 fs. 10d. Out of this sum there has already been paid £4.687 10s. od., being an interim dividend for the half-year ending 30th June at the rate of per cent, per annum on the " A" shares of the Bank. The Directors recommended a dividend on the "A" shares at the same rate for the second half of the year and on the "B" shares of 3 per cept, for the year. This will absorb a further sum of £15,937 10s, and will leave a balance of £10 563 6r. 10d. to be carried forward. The Directors further stated that the liquidation of the unrealised Assets Account which appeared in former statements has progressed so satisfactorily that they have closed it, and placed the surplus of £10,000 to a Reserve Fund. At the meeting the Chairman moved, Mr. F. W. Lunau seconded, and it was unanimously carried, "That the report of the directors, with the audited statement of accounts and balance-sheet to the 31st December last, presented to this meeting, be and the same are hereby received. approved, and adopted, and that a dividend on the 'A' shares of the bank at the rate of 5 per cent, per appum for the six months ending gret December, 1896, and on the 'B' shares at the rate of 3 per cent per annum for the year ending December 315', 1896, as recommended in the report, be and the same is hereby declared." A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, directors, officials, and staff was proposed by Dr Bisset Snell, seconded by Mr. Cogar, and unanimously accorded, and the proceedings then closed.

A. S. WATSON AND CO., LT'D.

The 12th annual ordinary general meeting of the above company was held at the board room of the Dispensary, Queen's Road Central, at noon to-day. Mr. Hart Buck presided and there were also present Messrs. E. W. Terrey, J. S Hagen, R. Mitchell, E. K. Chandler, and A. H. Mancell (Secretary).

The Chairman said .- Gentlemen, With your nesmission I will follow the usual custom and consider the report and statement of accounts as read. The general manager is at present in London but he has been notified of the proposed distribution of profits and has expressed his approval of the same and satisfaction with the balance sheet generally. As mentioned in the report, we have experienced a reduction of our profits in the Philippine Islands for the yearunder review. This, however, is not likely to recur in 2Boy as our manager at Manila advises us that since February last the business in his charge has important departments are larger than he has been able to previously record. There is little further for me to add, but, I think, gentlemen, account of an amount of \$4,000 in excess of the amount carried forward to 1806 account, certainly proves your Company to Be in a sound condition; and I am pleased to say its present position and prospects and most satisfactory. (Applause). I reference to the report and statement of accounts | in the habit of doing. now before you.

of accounts.

carried usanimously. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Terrey, Mr. F. Multiand was re-elected

anditor. Wattante Would be tendy on Tuesday morning. by beningtiming France my the Fairs & payoffers both at fixed and moring targets.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL. LONDON, April 23rd.

The new Chinese Minister, Sir Lo Fen Lub,

pald his first ministerial visit to the Foreign Office to-day Baron von Gutschmid, the German Minister in Japan, has reached England on his way home on leave.

The Manchester Corporation have set apart £10,000 for the celebration of the Diamond The Ayer Katlah Slam Gold Concessions (Limited) has registered with a capital of £10,000

in ft shares. Yesterday the German Emperor attended the review of the Vienna garrison in company with the Emperor Francis Joseph. The Daily News' correspondent telegraphs that it is stated in wellinformed circles there that the object of the Kalser's visit is to effect a union between Austria and Russis, and thus to restore the alliance of

the Three Emperois. Her Majesty with hold a great reception of the nature of a Court on June 23rd at Buckingham Palace, at which the Royal and Princely guests will be received, as well as the Colonial

His Excellency Kung Ta-jen, the retiring Chinese Minister, intends lesving London on 26th last, and will embark at South impion that day on the North German Lloyd steamer Preussen for China.

The marriage of Commander We'ls, R.N., the chi i officer of the Metropolian Fire Brigade, to Miss Ida l'usk, of Mortagu-square, was colbrated on 20th Inst, at the Church of the Annuncfailon, Bryanston-street,

The Imperial German Minister, resident at Siam, Herr Kempermann, has arrived at Berlin. vid Hamburg, but will return to Bangkak to the middle of June. He will return to the Far East, It is hoped, fully recovered from the bad effect of the tropical climate in Stam.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Willlam John Archer, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Convul for the Consular District of Bangkok, and Walter Raiph Durie Beckett, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Chicagmai,"

An engagement has been reported from Berlin of Prince Ernest Guenther of Schleswig-Halstein, a near relative of the German Empress, with Princess Dorothes of Caburg, daughter of Prince Philip of Coburg and Princess Louise of Belglum.

The steamer Cheribon, chartered by the French Minister of the Colonies, has arrived at | were due to the European staff of the bank at Toulon, where she is embarking 2,000 tons that port for the plucky manner in which they odd of smillery and other stores destined for Cape St. James, which commands the entrance

to the Salgon river. at the Bank are probably still over rather than of the bank had found them liberal lenders under £5,000,000, to which nearly £1,000,000 the difficult times they had had to pass through. ments of the yellow metal to Japan are generally expected. The Formosa last week took £445,200 in bar gold for Kobe.

is now 77s, 112d, per oz.

(Limited) was held on 21st inst., presided over by Mr. Drought, at which the resolutions passed at the extraordinary meeting held on 30th ult. extending the continuance of Mr. Reeves' duties as manager for a further period of twelve months were confirmed.

Among the passengers brought by the Dunvegan Castle, which arrived at Plymouth from Capetown on 16th inst., was Dr. Leyds, Secretary of State for the South African Republic, who is on his way to the Hague as representative of the Transvaal, Mr. Hays Hammond, of the Reform Committee, who also arrived by the Dunvegan Castle, stated that affairs in Johannesburg were very unsettled.

British investor of to-day is siforded by the course of prices on the Stock Exchange since the declaration of war. Such an event a few years since—even allowing for the extent to which the present war was anticipated would have been followed, by wholesale seiling of securities by investors; and in anticipation of some such movement speculators on roth inst, sold, stocks and the dealers put down prices. Investors did not, however, take advantage of these kindly arrangements for their benefit, and, with war raging in the East and possible European complications still threatening. Consols are quoted at nearly 112 per cent, and other first-class secusities are equally well supported. The very great difficulty which has during the last few years been experienced in obtaining sound investments has no doubt helped in a marked degree to strengthen holders' resolve not to part lightly with stocks which have been so scarce; but, whatever, the special reasons which have held back investors from selling during the past few days, it is satisfactory to-see that they do not, as in times passed, rush in to sell on the first alarming news.

NAVAL AND MILITARY. The Edgar, cruiser, Captain A. C. Clarks, has left Port Said, an route to China. Chaptain and Naval Instructor Rev. C. H. Sallabury, M.A. has been appointed to the

Undaunted, to date April 21st. Upon the retirement of Sir Redvers Bullet from his extended period of service as Adjatas . General, he will be succeeded by Lieut. General Sir Evelyn Wood.

The Canobus class is to be provided with tw. masis, each fitted with a fighting top. . They are also to carry a musthead a maphore, which it is to be presumed, will be fixed on the Malla system, so as to give that method a trial.

The Sparton, cruiser, Captain A. L. Winsloe, arrived at Plymouth early on such inst. from the China Station, and during the forenoon carried out a satisfactory paying-off trial of her machinery. Later in the day she was moved into

barbour at Devonport, where she was inspected. It is now arranged the Powerful and Terrible will take part in the usual naval maceuvres. There now seems to be more doubt whether one or the other of these fine cruisers is to be cent to the China station, The ration d'lire of these great vessels being solely the patrolling of our trade soutes and protection of our sea-borne commerce in war-time, it is now argued that this purpose will be best served by keeping them always ready coaled and fit for service at Portsmaterially improved and the returns in some | mouth, whence they could be despatched on their mission without delay if circumstances

should require it. The rumour that Lord Wolseley would retire that the continued payment of ten per cent. from the Commandership-in-Chief, on account of dividend and the carrying forward to 1807 ill-health, receives no countenance whatever at the War Office. "We haven't heard a word on the subject," the officials say in effect, "and if there had been anything in it we must have done shall be glad to answer any questions in garrison there, as the Duke of Cambridge was

The effective strength of the Royal Navy will wards of 70 other Competitions for individuals, being permitted to reign for sixty years like his There being no questions, the Chairman shortly receive a considerable augmentation of the greater number of which are open to all grandfather, he would show his grailtude by moved the adoption of the report and statement strength by the passing tato the A Division of comers, besides which there are Matches for then resigning the crown to his heir. This yow the Medway Fleet Reserve as ready for com- teams both of Cavalry and of he lived to perform; for in 1795, being then in Mr. Milchell seconded and the motion was mission of Her Majesty's cruisers Venus, Dido. Cyclists, also Competitions for carbines and the sixtleth year of his reign, he abdicated in Ists, and Diona, which have been built and revolvers. There are also Competitions at favour of Kea-King. Three such remarkable equipped at an aggregate cost of just over a mil- the running deer, and sunning man, besides "sixlicith" anniversaries-in the forms of lion pounds. The cruisers are sister ships, which there is unlimited pool sheeting at reguant jubilee, a birthday lête, and a formal designed by Sir W. H. White, K.C.B., Director stationary targets at all distances, also at the abdication-in three successive generations of

field Shipbuilding Company, of Glasgow, and the Dido and Isis by the London and Glasgow Engineering and Shipbuilding Company. They have each a displacement of 5,500 tons, and although ranking as second-class cruisers, their displacement is exactly the same as that of the first-class cruirers of the Galatea type,

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA. AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

The forty-third ordinary general meeting of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, on arst April., Mr. John Howard Gwyther presiding. In moving the adoption of the report the Chairman said :--

Many of his friends had charged him with undus pessimism in the remarks which he had made at the half-yearly meeting in October last, to repeat that assertion, because he could not express optimistic views when a war was raging in the Levant, a famine and pestilence in Asia, and hostile tariffs in America. The Japanese had recently declared for a gold standard, and that action would certainly not tend to enhance the value of silver. The probability of a falling exchange in China would render it very difficult for Lancashire to export increasingly and profitably to that country. Furthermore, the Chinese Government, wolch had now a considerable gold debt, would find the burden thereof more onerous, and the margin of unappropriated Custom revenunarrower and narrower. The shareholders had doubless followed with painful interest the weekly reports of the famine and plague in India, and it must be borne in mind that the same causes which hindered a sufficient hervest of cereals had also a prejudicial effect upon the yield of other crops which were exported to foreign countries, so that the cuitivators had to face a two-fold evil-no local food, and no money to purchase it elsewhere. Th result in former days, before the period of British rule, would have meant the death of millions, and he considered that they might justly point with national pride to the wise and unstinted labours of the Indian authorities in the successful efforts to feed the starving multitudes. Anticipating the cordial approva of the shareholders they had subscribed £500 towards the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of the sufferers. (Hear, hear.) Business at Bombay had been well-nigh at a standstill owing to the plague, and he thought their thanks had stuck to their posts despite their barrowing surroundings. In Calcutta they had find to face a most stringent money market. He was glad According to estimates the Japanese balances | to be able to report, however, that the customers falls to be added on 8th prox., and further ship- | Competition had been increasingly severe, and trade had shrunk, but largely owing to immunity from bad debts the Board were able to recommend the usual dividend, with a substantial Japan bought all the bar gold that came by, addition to the reserve fund. The customers of the last South African boat. The price of bars the bank were contented and loyal, but An extraordinary general meeting of the a vigitant watch over the connections of rather than allow their business to pass into the whom, mainly established for financial pusposes

the Board fully recognised that they must keep Tobacco Company of British North Bornso the undertaking, and lessen their profits hands of their newest competitors, some of I had entered upon commercial fields, as their

> report, which was agreed to. " The resolution authorising the dividend at the rate of .9 per cent. for the ball-year was then

Mr. W. Paterson seconded the adoption of the

expectations otherwise had proved illusory.

The retiring directors, Sir Henry Stewart Cunningham and Sir James Lyle Mackay, were re-elected, and Mr. Maurice Girdlestone and Mr. Magnus Mowar appointed auditors.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Directors and A striking instance of the steadiness of the the staff both at home and abroad brought the known at what point of the journey the "father

BISLEY AND THE DIAMOND Jubilee,

The Council of the National Rifle Association have drawn up a list of the principal Competi- round" a difficulty seems to have been tions which will, subject to medification, be open to competitors from India and the Colonies at the Bisley Meeting, 1807, which will commence July 13th and terminate July 24th. The Council are anxious to extend a bearty welcome at Bisley to any rep esentative of Her Majesty's "Suppose the river should freeze !" Such a Imperial and Colonial Forces who may be in England on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

The following are the chief individual competitions, the distances at which they are fired, and the aggregate value of the prize :---. Name of Com- Distance (Yds.) Aggregate.

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Albert 800, 900, & 1,000	£86 & Cup
Bass 900 & 1,000	£50
Secretary of State	
of Way 800 & goo	£50
Duke of Cam-	~~
bridge: 900 & 1,000	£50
Cratge:ne qo: & 2,000	£55
Match Riffe Wime	~33
bledon Cup 1,100	Спр
Prince of Wales's	
Prize200 & 600	£300
Lee-Metford Wim-	
bledon Cup 600	£25 & Cap
Quean, a Priza 200 500, 600, 800 &	000 £2.420
Daily Graphic 200	£140 & Car
Martine Cup200	7100
St. George s500, 600, & 800	2000
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Graphic......500 £340 & Cup Daily Tele-(100 & Cup llexandra.....500 & 600 1 000 Barlow ........900 £80 & Cup The following are of special interest to competitors from India and the Colonies and depend-

encies, viz :--THE IMPERIAL PRIZE.—This Prize has hitherto been confined to the Regular Services ; it is thrown open this year to all branches of H. M. tion for individuals, and the first prize is £100.

THE KOLAPORE CHALLENGE CUP.—This is a team match open to teams of eight, in which teams from India, the Colonies and dependencies compete against a team of Volunteers representing the Mother Country.

The Challenge Cap was given in 1871 by H. H. the Rajah of Kolapore. The distances are 200, 500, and 600 yards (aggregate), Number of shots, seven each distance. Entrance Fee, £1 10s. od.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LON-DON'S PRIZES,-Awarded to the highest so." It is added that Lord Wolseley's visit to scorers amongst the Volunteers of India, the Gibraltar simply means that he is to inspect the Colonies and the dependencies in the Grand Aggregate Competition.

A CHINESE DIAMOND JUBILEE,

The reign of Kang-hi, the second ruler of the Tsing dynasty, is famous as the longest recorded in Chinese history, and the completion of its sixtieth anniversary in 1721 was commemorated by a national fêre on the highest scale of Imperial splendour. Doubtless the details of this event are duly recorded in Chinese archives, but it was not until they were in great part repeated on another, and scarcely less august, occasion thirty-one years afterwards that the Western world caught even a glimpse of their pomp and magnificence. In 1752, Kang-hi's grandson Kienlang, then occupying the throne, the Empress-mother completed her sixtleth year, and as it had been an ancient custom to celebrate such an anniversary with national rejoicings, it was resolved that the proceedings should be on a par with those carried out on the previous occasion. and he was afraid that they would be inclined Of the actual fête there exist but the scantlest particulars, but the account of the preparations is full of curious and interesting matters.

Kien-lung was then sejourning with his mother at his suburban "house of pleasure," about Chinese .- 21st of 4th moon of 23rd year twelve miles from Peking, and the main feature of the occasion was to be the procession, of almost more than mortal state, in which both were to proceed from their private residence to the palace in the centre of the Tartar district of the city. The governing idea scems to have been that the Imperial gaze should encounter nothing which had ever been profuned by the eyes of the vulgar. Both palace and countryhouse were, of course, surrounded by their own extensive gardens, and it was determined to invest the entire route with the same characterisites. In short, the Imperial progress was to be made from end to end through a garden specially created. The last three months of 1751 were devoted to this work; a period none too long, but that half the nation seem to have been concerned in it. All the painters, sculptors. architects, builders, carpenters, and gardeners of Peking and the neighbouring provinces were engaged in their several departments, with the one object of "charming the eyes and ears of the most voluptuous Court in the universe," Modern eyes are sufficiently familiar with the fantastic features of Chinese landscape gardening. Our old friend the willow-pattern plate presents us with a typical condensation of them. and we have only to expand and adapt the idea to scenic and panoramic requirements. This system was applied to the whole line to be traversed by the procession, and the domestic and commercial frontages on the way were completely, masked by "built up" scenery, much of which was made realistically "practicable." In its course appeared many solid buildings, peristyles, pavilions, colonnades, galleries, and amphitheatres, surmounted with costly trophies and banners. The most important of these were studded which artificial gems, while the general effect was heightened by the lavish employment of mirrors of polished metal. As the ground lent itself to the purpose, mountains and valleys, lakes with islands and bridges, and trees, and fountsins were introduced. To other portions of the route a wilder character was given; rocks arose, and wild beasts appeared, represented by children dressed in skins and trained for the occasion. The more regular garden vistas were amply stocked with "property" fruit-trees and The Pei-ho river was available for about

third of the route, and its utilisation would obviously give a distinct note of variety both to sconery and equipage. Accordingly, both banks of the stream were speedly covered with buildings of every possible character, which "gave a striking pleasure to the beholders." Wherever theriver broadened or curved, houses, theatres. i and galleries were erected on piles, to which warlous bridges gave access. Of course, they were all laviably glided and painted. Some of them were intended for orchestras and companies of comedians; and, as it was not definitely and mother of his people " (for the Emperor of China is both) and his mother would deign to feel in need of them, an enormous quantity of refreshments were provided for the entire route. But at this stage the preparations were inadvertently enlivened by a stroke of gennine Chinese humour. The native instinct for "getting unequal to the task of foreseeing the possibility of its occurrence. When the various junks, barges, and boats for the conveyance of the Emperor and his Court were nearing completion, one of the higher officials threw out the idea, thing had happened before, and the pageant Thousands of Inbourers were "put on," whose I tion on the arst inst. duty it was to beat the river night and days with bamboos, while an auxiliary contingent was at hand to break up any ice that might form." But the precautions were in vais. The cold set in, and the river became fast frozen Whereupon he of the "little button" was promptly condemned to lose two years' salary and ordered to provide at his own cost a sufficient number of sledges to take the place of the now useless river craft.

The police arrangements appear to have been weil conceived and excellently carried out. Before the appointed day, the whole distance to be at 6 s.m. on Monday, the 24th inst. traversed-the average width of which was about 140 feet-was longitudinally divided by barriers into three sections, the centre for the procession, while the "sidewalks" thus constituted were allotted to the spectators who were compelled to move the each side in one direction only. There | Caledonies ........ steamer, from Kurope time during the progress of the immense proces- Mathilds ........ sion, which few if any Europeans were privileged | Oscarshal ............. to witness. No women were allowed to appear Halman...... to permit of their being abroad to see the incred- Loongmoon ...... ible wonders of the way and the celestial Bengo ...... gunboat ,. beauty of the decorations. It was on January 6, 1752, that the Emperor and his mother made their entry into to Peking by the primrose path thus lavishly spread. offerings to the lady of the fete said to be "indescribable" both in magnifi-Naval and Military Services. It is a Competi- conce and variety; but nothing gave more satisfaction than a highly ingenious working-model of a dragon presented by the resident Europeans. With this toy the Emperor was so delighted that Benvorlich ...... he established it in a permanent home in the gardens of his subusban "house of pleasure." All the ordinances for the revels, were duly promulgated in the Politing Gaustie, and their Hongkong and WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS cost is said to have exceeded "300 million Reina Christino....... supces," a sum which certainly makes some demand on our powers of astonishment. But it which there were innumerable gigantic displayer | Patshow...... while the amount of money lavished upon Gasile ....... banners and lanterns was simply incalculable.

On ascending the throne Kien-lung had Note .- In addition to the above there are up- solemnly undertaken that, in the event of his The Chairman announced that dividend of Naval Construction, and have all been built sunning mad, and for the same dynasty, are probably without a parallel in history,-Pail Mati Gazetti.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR,

Meteorological means based on ten years observations to 1893. Barometer ......29.867 Hamidity ......84 TO-DAY. WEATHER REPORT. On date at On date at Barometer ..... 29.90 Thermometer ...... Humldity..... Rainfall ..... 061 Saturday, 22nd May, 1897. Kwong.sii.

Afternoon ..... Okr. 39min. Low water-Morning ..... 5kr. 24min. Afternoon ..... 8hr. 38min. ANNIVERSARIES. 1841-Foreign factories at Canton pillaged. 1882-Treaty between United States and Korea signed at Chemulpo: 1892-Typhoon in Macao, causing great loss of

Sun-Rises ..... 5kr. 19min.

High water-Morning ..... 3hr. 20min.

Sets ..... 6Ar. 53 min.

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1806-A private of the Rifle Brigade developed

TO-MORROW. Sunday, 23rd May, 1897. (V after Easter Rogation. Chinese-22nd of 4th moon of 23rd year o cwish—21st Ylar, 5657. Mohammedan-21st Dulheggia, 1314. Sun-Rises ..... 5hr. 19min. Sets ..... Chy. Samba. Moon-Last Quarter Shr. 11min, p.m. High water-Morning ..... Ahr. 18min. Afternoon ..... 1hr. 51 min. Low water—Morning ...... 6kr. 30min. Afternoon ..... 9hr, 30min. ANNIVERSARIES.

1863-United States Legation at Tokio burnt, 1868-P. & O. steamer Benares lost on Fisherman's Group. 1896-American schooner Foks Baisley stranded near Macao.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral:-Communion, 7 s.m., tributions, viz :-Matins, 11 a.m., Evensong, 5.45 p.m. Roman Cathelle Cathedral:-Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a m., 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Benediction,

Union Church :- Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. German Beihesda Chapel, West Point :-Morning Service, 12 a.m. St. Prancis' Church, Wanchai :- Mass (Chin.),

St. Foreth's Church, Garden Road :-- Morning Service (English), o a.m. St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:-Mass, 8 Westeyan Methodist Church: -Services, 10.50

a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church:-II am. an 6.30 p.m. SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS LIUR: Indian (Kutsang) agth inst. English (Rosetta) 20th inst. American (City of Peking) 29th Inst. German (Previses) 1st prox. Canadian ( Empress of China) Ath prox. American (Dorte) oth prox. American (China) 18th prox.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer China, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, Kobe, Inland Sea, Nagasaki and Shanghal, on the 20th inst.

was due at the most rigorous season of the year. THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Belgic, with A solumn council was at once held, when the mails, etc., which left bence for San Francisco, mandarin responsible for that section of the via Shanghal, Nagasaki, Kobe, Island Ses, route undertook to keep the waterway open. Yokohoma and Honolulu, arrived at her destina-

> THE Imperial German Mail lines Preuseen. carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the ard May, left Colombo for this port yesterday and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 1st June.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship Empress of Japan arrived at Shanghai to-day at r.30 a.m., and will leave at 2 p.m. to-day for Nagasaki, where she is expected to arrive

SHIPPING RETURNS. From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day. ARRIVALS. Singapore

Canion Coast Ports Singapore Canton Aggregating 12,292 tons register. DEPARTURES. Talsang .....stermar, for Swatow Hatten ........ " Shanghai Manila Yokohama , Hongay Aggregating 11,849 tons register.

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have it completed shortly. Prospecting Shaft.—We have completed the timbering and fixing ladders in this shaft, since last report, and work on the bottom was resumed to-day. Any developments occurring will be duly advised you by cable. At present there is nothing fresh to report since last report, owing to the men being employed in timbering,

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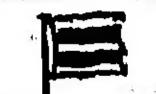
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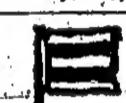
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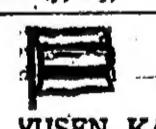
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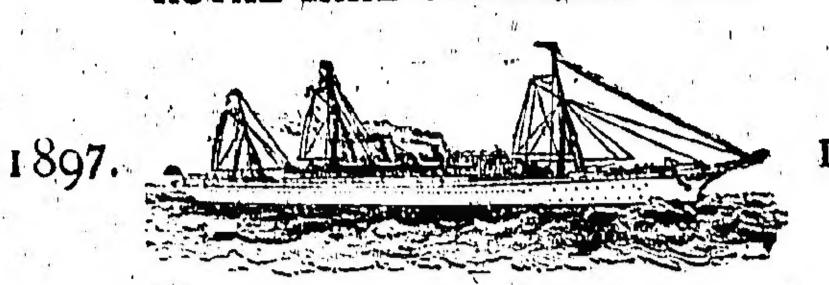
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THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via Shanghai, nagasaki, kobe, inland SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Honghong, 23rd April, 1897.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. City of Paking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Tuesday, 8th June, Kobe, Inland Sea. at Noon. Yokohama & Hone-

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In-Salurday, 26th June, land Sea, Yokohama at Noon. and Honolulu) .....

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THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF PEKING"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, w/A SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU "on TUESDAY, the 8th June, 1897, at noon, taking Fassengers and Freight for Japan, the United

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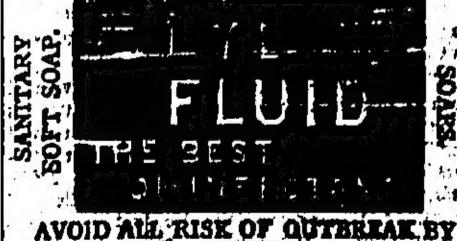
Company's and connecting Steamers. Freight will be received on board until a P.M. the day previous to sailing. Pascel Packages will be secrived at the Office until 5 P.M. same days all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full : value of same is required. Consular .Involves . to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Hongkong, 20th May, 1807.

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N.B .- CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.) Prinz Heinrick ... | Tuesday ... | 25th May. Preussen ..... | Tuesday ... | 220d June. Sacksen ..... | Tuesday ... | 20th July. Bayers ..... | Tuesday ... | 17th Aug. Prinz Heterick ... | Tuesday ... | 14th Sept. Preussen ..... | Tuesday ... | 12th Oct. Sacksen ..... | Tucsday ... | 9th Nov.

Bayers ..... | Tuesday ... | 7th Dec.

Prinz Heinrich, ... Tuesday ... | 4th Jan. N TUESDAY, the 25th day of May, 1807, at q A.M., the Company's Seesmahip "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Cappers with MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling

at NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noor on SATURDAY, the 22nd May. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 24th May, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noos on MONDAY, the 24th May. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts" will be signed for less than \$1 to and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Tacoma ....... 2,549 | Tuesday .... | May 25. Victoria ...... | 3.167 | Tuesday .... | ] une x. Olympia ..... | 2,608 | Tsesday ... | July 6.

Palkan .... | 2,709 | Tuesday ... | July 27. THE Steamship

"TACOMA," " Captain Whistier, sailing at Neon, on TUES-DAY the 25th May, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), was KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points. Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicately and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to

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This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.B. Initia leaving that Port on the 25th June for Losdon direct. Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Ten for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marsellies and London

ether Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bömbay. Parcels will be received at this Office watil. F.M. the day before salling. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to sote the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading. For funker Particulars, apply to

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